

East Providence

HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

September 5, 2006 Minutes

Present: David W. Murray (Chairman), Frederick C. Bieberbach, Jr. (Vice Chairman), Mike Tracy, Anthony Perry, Steven Clemens, Bruce Dufresne (Harbormaster).

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Absent:. Lee Hastings III, E. Howard McVay, Jr., Alan Dillon (Secretary)

Called to order 1945 hrs

Minutes of August 1, 2006 meeting accepted as written.

Old Business:

1. No news securing federal funding for Bullock Cove dredging. On the docket of tonight's council meeting is approval of the \$50 K match from the city for the dredging of Bullock Cove. To date, the full complement of approximately \$900 K in federal funds has not been included in the federal budget. Since the last meeting, on behalf of the EPHMC, chairman Murray sent a letter to the City Council

recommending that the City officials contact the congressional delegation to secure the federal funding for the project.

2. The status of Public Right of Way review is ongoing.

3. After the August meeting, Chairman Murray forwarded the proposed ordinance changes to Councilman Midgely and the city solicitor. They are in the process of being reviewed. (The proposed changes received 1st passage at the September 19 Council meeting. They are on the docket for final passage at tonight's Council meeting.)

4. The Planning department is still awaiting feedback from Kevin Cute at CRMC regarding the update to our adopted Harbor Management Plan.

New Business:

1. EPHMC members received invitations to tonight's welcome reception for the new city manager, Richard Brown.

2. On behalf of the commission, Chairman Murray forward the proposed ordinance changes to Councilman Midgely and the solicitors office. He also sent a letter to the city council members, cc'd to the city manager in support of an application for a pump out boat by the Harbor Department and to the council asking for help in securing federal funding for dredging Bullock Cove noted above.

3. Harbormaster's Department Report for September 5, 2006:

- The new City Manager, Richard M. Brown was taken on a tour of the waterfront

and was brought up to speed on the projects that we are working on.

- The Harbor Department assisted the USCG with the Security Zone escort for the new I-195 Bridge.
- The Personnel Department has begun advertising for a qualified person to fill the open assistants position.
- All moorings that were due for inspection were inspected.
- The harbormaster is expecting the City Council to vote on the pump out boat grant tonight. So far, all of the comments from the public have been positive.
- The 4th annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on November 3rd at 7 pm at the American Legion Hall, Post 10. Tickets will be available soon.

4. The Law Department requested copies of the commission's bylaws. Chairman Murray informed them that we following the guidelines in the ordinances and harbor management plan and do not have a specific set of bylaws. Commission members discussed this topic and agreed that the ordinances and harbor management plan provide details on how to function as a commission and added bylaws are not needed. (Since the last meeting we had another request for bylaws and Chairman Murray requested someone from the law department attend the next meeting).

Meeting adjourned 2014 hrs.

Respectively Submitted,

David W. Murray, Chairman for

Alan J. Dillon, Secretary